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“Goodbye!” cries Raccoon.  
“I’m off to the moon.



I’ll be back by lunchtime,  
or late afternoon.”



Goose grins and she giggles.



You foolish  
Raccoon!



3, 2, 1...



**BOOM!**

He zooms into space.





Far up to the stars,  
at a fabulous pace.



He reaches the moon.

But SMASH! What a shock.



His craft crashes BUMP  
on a sharp lump of rock.



The ship hits the ground.  
It's split down one side.



Now I might be  
stuck here.

Raccoon bounds  
outside...





“Help!” yelps Raccoon.  
“I’m going too high.”

I seem to  
be floating.



“Keep calm!” comes a cry.



“My name is Zack. I live on the moon.



Give me your hand and  
I'll have you back soon.”



“Thanks,” pants Raccoon.  
He shows Zack his ship.

I had a bad  
landing.







Zip  
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I'll call my  
friend, Zip!



Zip's buggy chugs up.



He whips out a tool.



Fizz! goes his  
gizmo.



The ship is fixed.







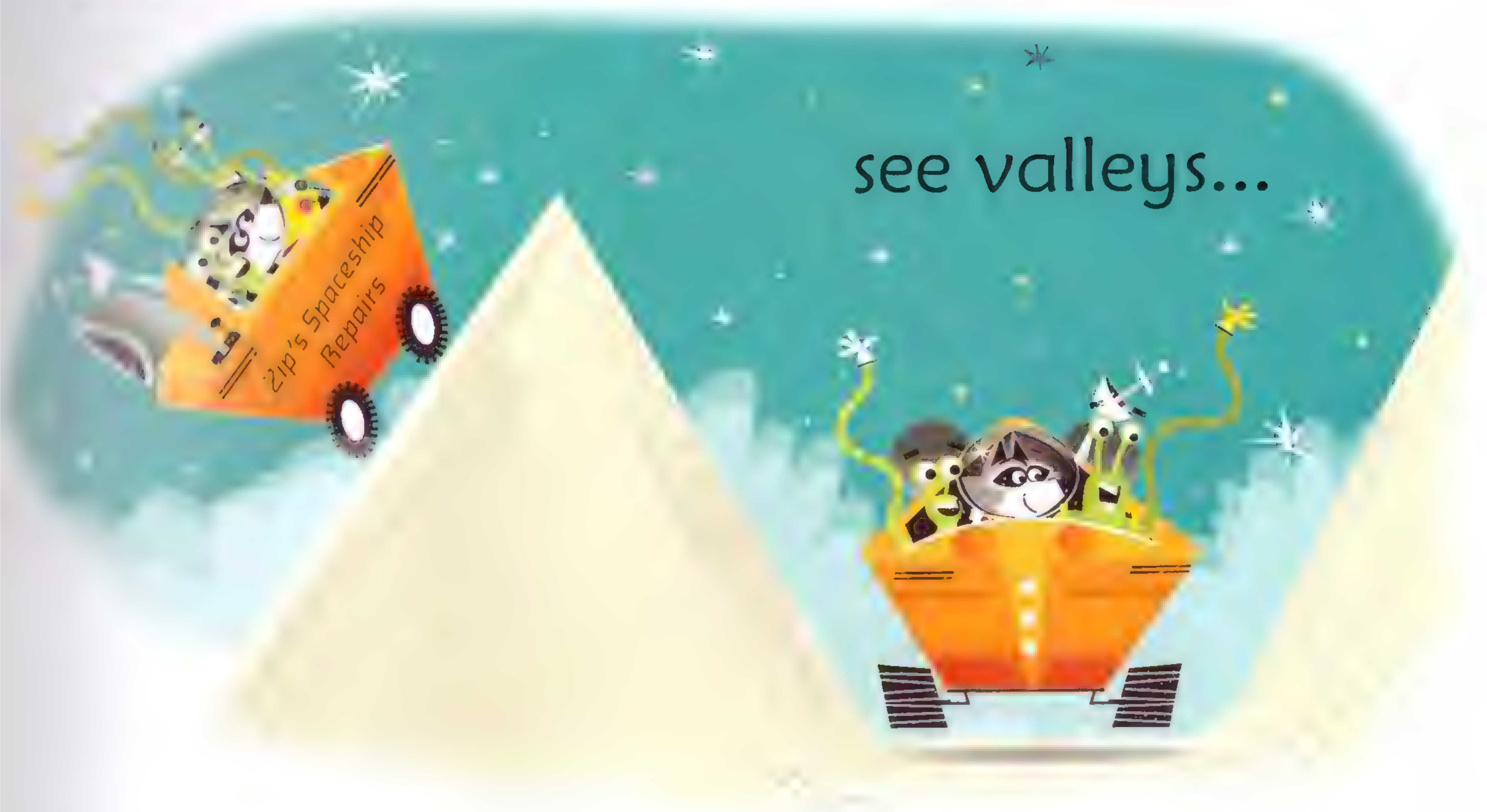
Let's show  
you around.

spaceship  
pairs

They bound by a crater...



climb mountains...



see valleys...

until, three  
hours later...





Blast off at last!  
But on the way home,  
there's clanging and banging.





The ship  
reaches Earth.



“Three cheers for Raccoon!”



His chums greet their hero.

You've been  
to the moon!





“Prove it!” jeers Goose.

Did you bring  
something back?





A whimsical forest scene with various animals and a bird hanging from a tree. At the top, a blue bird hangs upside down from a tree branch, looking surprised. A string of colorful triangular flags (red, yellow, pink) hangs across the top. In the center, a raccoon with a black and white striped tail and a red backpack is running towards the right. To the left, a small brown animal with a red bow and a red dress is running. In the background, a brown animal in a red dress stands next to a table with several cupcakes. A green frog is also visible. On the right, a white duck-like animal with a red dress and a pink necklace is running. The ground is green with small red mushrooms and a fallen log. The sky is light blue with a few white clouds.

“Yes indeed,” calls a small voice.

My goodness,  
it's Zack!









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A lively story with irresistible illustrations, this book is a delight to share with very young children. It can also be enjoyed by children who are beginning to read for themselves. The simple rhyming text helps to develop essential language and early reading skills, and there are guidance notes for parents at the back of the book.



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